

POLICY TITLE: *Health Requirements for Medical Students Upon Entry to UCCOM*

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RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT: *Office of Medical Student Admissions & Office of Student Affairs*

APPLIES TO: *All Students*

### **POLICY**

Prior to matriculation, each student must submit medical documentation for the following immunizations and requirements:

**Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR):** Positive IGG titer.

**Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis (Tdap):** If received Tdap > 10 years prior to school start, must have received Tetanus - diphtheria [Td] < 10 years ago.

**Varicella:** Positive IGG titer.

**Hepatitis B:** 3 injections (or 2 Heplisav-B) according to schedule and positive quantitative Hepatitis B surface Antibody titer with exceptions made only for extenuating circumstances (See Hepatitis B Diagram at end of policy).

**Tuberculosis (TB) clearance:** All students are required to be free of active tuberculosis. You must either:

- 1) Complete a two-step TB test. This ensures any future positive tests can be interpreted as being caused by a new infection, rather than simply a reaction to an old infection or BCG vaccination. The first test must be placed no sooner than 4 months prior to the start date of school UNLESS you have had a TB skin test placed in the 364 days prior to your program start date. Then this test can be your baseline TB test.

A second TB skin test must be placed > 2 weeks after the baseline test and no sooner 6 weeks prior to the start of school.

If either test is positive, then a negative IGRA blood test (preferred) or chest x-ray is required.

- 2) Have a negative Interferon Gamma Release Assay [IGRA] blood test, such as QuantiFERON-TB Gold. Note: if you have a history of a positive tuberculin skin test, you must have a negative IGRA test (preferred) or a negative chest x-ray performed **six months or less** from your school start.

A student will not be permitted to participate in the Orientation and required clinical training activities unless documentation that a student is appropriately immunized has been provided. **Documentation of immunization must be signed by your personal physician (not a relative) and uploaded into Med+Proctor.** Failure to comply will result in the student being restricted from patient contact and a Formative Feedback Form will be submitted to PAC. The inability to participate in patient contact that is a mandatory component of the curriculum will be considered an unexcused absence that may negatively impact grade in course up to and including receiving a grade of Failure.

**Drug & Alcohol Testing**

Individuals who are dependent on or impaired by alcohol or other substances are not suitable candidates for providing care to patients and, therefore, for admission, promotion, or graduation. Health care providers within our primary health system (UCHealth) are expected to maintain a safe, productive, and drug- and alcohol-free environment and to perform their assigned duties safely and efficiently. Participation in clinical rotations at UCHealth is an essential requirement of the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine's curriculum. UCHealth requires all participants to submit a negative drug screen prior to participation in clinical rotations. Therefore, all College of Medicine candidates must pass a comprehensive, pre-matriculation drug screen according to the standards and requirements set forth and maintained by UCHealth. Failure to pass this drug screen may result in the rescinding of an applicant's acceptance.

Following matriculation, "for cause" drug and alcohol testing may be initiated when concerns are raised regarding the performance, behavior, or actions of a medical student that indicate a reasonable suspicion for substance impairment. Compliance with "for cause" drug and alcohol testing of medical students is a condition of continued enrollment.